

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Paragraph 1 of the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure because of the phase “‘chewing-gum’ batteries,” on page 12, line 10 and that phrase has been deleted so that the objection to the specification is believed to be obviated.

Paragraph 3, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wallace et al. (5,933,328). While claim 9 was not included in the recitation of the rejection, it is noted that claim 9 was also rejected on the same grounds. Accordingly, these remarks will be directed to the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 1 and 3, the only independent claims, have been amended in a sincere effort to overcome the rejection in view of Wallace et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Wallace et al. discloses a device which utilizes a pair of memory card of different configurations and of different loading orientations. In contradistinction, the present invention discloses a device including a plurality of memory card slots to accept a plurality of memory cards with the slots being oriented in a planar array to accept a plurality of memory cards in the same loading orientation. This construction permits rapid loading of the memory cards as the user does not have to pause to verify position of the various memory cards. No such construction is taught or suggested by the Wallace et al. reference. Accordingly, it is believed that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of Wallace et al. can no longer be maintained.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$120.00 for payment of a one month extension of time to response to this Official Action. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

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Respectfully submitted,

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